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#### **RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

This is a response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003. Kindly enter the following remarks:

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 and 10-19 are pending in this application.

It is noted that the proposed drawing corrections submitted in the communications filed on March 5, 2002, September 11, 2002, May 9, 2003, and October 27, 2003 still have not been acknowledged in the present Office Action. The corrections involved relocating the reference arrow indications for reference character "95" in FIGS. 2 and 3 so that the arrows correctly identify the snap ring element. Another copy of these proposed drawings corrections is enclosed for the examiner's convenience. Applicant respectfully requests a decision with regard to these corrections in the next Office action.